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Colored Men, Vote!

How stands the 6,000 Negro voters on the Metropolitan franchise?

Prof. Wm. H. Dawley is receiving many letters urging him to run for Grand Patron.

Four men teachers of the St. Louis Summer High School have been exonerated of charges of misconduct after a careful investigation under direction of Superintendent Blewett.

Principal E. H. Holmes of the Central High School, reports that he has placed fifty of his graduates into positions with pay ranging from six to nine dollars per week. The Lincoln High School is yet to be heard from.

It is an insult to every Negro musician in Kansas City to say that none of them are qualified to handle the orchestra work of the High School commencement exercises and that an ordinary dance hall white orchestra had to be called in for that purpose. Our graduating exercises are supposed to show forth the best that is within our own race and the best is good enough for us until we may have better. Why cannot the musical department develop a Negro orchestra that will come up to its ideals? Other high schools of the city have their musical organizations and it appears that with a large number of our boys and girls enrolling in the Lincoln for a four-years' course, a first class orchestra could be easily kept up. The head of the musical department of Lincoln has time to maintain a private studio and surely ought to find time to properly develop the work for which he is paid by the public funds. Kansas City ranks second to no other place in the excellence and variety of its musical talent and it is positively ridiculous to set up the claim that white talent must be employed for our public demonstrations.

THE UNITED STATES MOCK CONGRESS TO CONVENE JUNE 22.

A great educational affair which will be interesting from the word go. Everybody can take part in the session. National characters to be impersonated. Tillmans—Underwoods—Smiths and Vardmans to make vitriolic speeches against Negroes. All kinds of frank bills to be introduced. Segregation and disfranchisement to be attempted. Remember the Second Baptist Church is to be the "Capitol." The primaries to be held one week before the great session, June 15. Much interest is being shown in the possible outcome of the Contest for the "Speaker of the House." Do you want to be a Senator? Do you want to be a Representative?

Practical Christianity

CHURCH REFORM THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

Our Institutions Too Indifferent Regarding Morality.

Should Seek Quality of Membership and Not Quantity.

By CHAS. A. STARKS.

In the following article the writer seeks to give light rather than censure, and though he makes no war on men or institutions, he is uncompromising in dealing with false and corrupt practices, believing that Truth and Fact when rightly asserted get better results than any of the man-made subterfuges.

The Church has played no small part in the affairs of mankind and its history dates back in the centuries gone. Its progress has been slow and at times very painful, superstition has ever hampered it, so that its movements have been so retarded that the day has been pushed back when its adherents must wake to a clearer understanding of life, and thus partake of the "glorious liberty of the children of God."

It was said over a century ago by one who knew that: "Time brings more converts than reason," but in our own time, it has been more understandingly said that: "The time for thinkers has come," the same



CHAS. A. STARKS.

The versatile writer for The Sun.

voice proclaiming that "Truth independent of doctrines and time honored systems knocks at the portal of humanity," seeking "to make plain to benighted understanding the way of salvation." We believe that this day is upon us and now is the accepted time.

The thoughtful will read the following serious reflections and will weigh and consider. The heedless will go on and continue to walk in the beaten paths, have no glory but that of unprogressive custom till time shall bring them at the throne of Truth where sooner or later "all must plant themselves."

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

One of the things that is being much discussed is: the decline of membership in Churches. True enough they all boast of increases, but an attendance at any of these will discover a lack of verification when one sees the meager audiences that greet the Minister. This is averagely so, which leads us to conclude that large memberships chiefly consist in so much ink used in writing down names. Also that there is something fundamentally wrong somewhere. May it not be in our lack of power to demonstrate the spiritual over the material or the unwillingness of the Churches to insist on a higher standard of life? An examination of their mode of securing members will perhaps reveal one of the Church's "errors" in trying to gain qualified Christians to its ranks.

First a frenzy is worked up in the emotions, then Gospel which nets generally two or three "converts." Then all are asked to stand; those who are members of the Church are commanded to sit down and the sinners and non-members are requested to remain standing, this makes them the direct object of persuasion, remonstrance and coercion. Willing to please and he led they go up without any previous thought of the step, (often) and not of their OWN VOLITION. Their names are taken with dispatch and short mumblings of "an experience" and the thing is over with. This may be diplomatic, but it is not Christian; it may be effective but it has no permanency. This is shown in the lack of understanding on the part of the "enlisted," his subsequent indifference to his church, and his general unfruitfulness. Why not make the Church so beautiful in love. So far reaching in spiritual good that men will be attracted unto it by virtue of their need and the ability of the Church to supply it. This is best brought about by seeking in membership.

QUALITY AND NOT QUANTITY.

The Negro's tenacity in holding on to outgrown beliefs is at once admirable and reprehensible; admirable, because there is a fine grain of loyalty in his make up and to his teachings. Reprehensible, because of his unwillingness to advance when reason leads the way. This is none the less true of all races. Reason shows that quality counts in membership more so than quantity. One hundred loyal Christians seeking that mind which was also in Christ can do more good than one thousand indifferent time serving and "figure-head" members. And by a spiritual understanding, a high moral standard and a well ordered business method of self taxation in financing, the hundred can spiritualize the community—raise the morality of its people and promote the material welfare of the Church, and they won't have to beg to do it. How can these kind of members be secured? My answer is: By insisting on certain reasonable qualifications and these should be intelligent and moral to the extent that an applicant would know just what was expected of him or her. This idea cannot be emphasized in our present mode of securing members as we have already shown. The first step should be taken by the "would be" member himself. Common sense should govern the "committee" who acts upon the case and they should seek to "Judge Righteously," according to their understanding, then if the applicant's efforts "proved of men" they would pass away, but if at God, they would stand.

CHURCH UNITY.

If eloquence and the power of speech could make a Church mighty for good, then our Churches would be the most advanced in the world. The Negro's native genius would allow this. But such is not the case. Love, Harmony and Understanding these are the elements that worketh good. The Negro preacher in his own peculiar way has no superior in oratory. Elucidation of text and apt illustration. This is locally true. Whether it be a highly temperamental Keating or a deep resourceful Bacote.

Whether it be a concise and a perfect illustration Thomas or a powerful and soaring Bowen. The stability of the Church by no means lies solely in the direction of any type of orator or preacher but in an intelligent laity and as he we have already said: Love, harmony and understanding. One of the last commands the Master left His Disciples was "Love ye one another." He knew the importance of this in promoting God's noblest idea. In music, harmony is the perfect blending of sounds. One discord disturbs the perfection. So in Church unity, one bad element has a contrary effect and breaks the religious and social harmony of its life, however, we should learn by understanding to link the broken chains of our Church system with Truth's indissoluble welding. We have shown how the preacher has advanced in the elucidation of his text. We might add that the Church has made wonderful and solid strides in sacred music, but in Church Unity the one thing that best expresses love, our showing has been poor. Understanding is the quality to recognize the ever presence of Divine love, could every Christian realize this Truth and act accordingly. In harmony, discord, and all disturbing elements would be banished, there would be no desire to practice "unChristian comment" talk about one's neighbors and doing evil. The consciousness of God excludes all but harmony.

SOME DOCTRINAL HINTS.

If we may even appear to criticize Church doctrine it would be along the line of accepted customs. First, we are not practical enough in our religion, the writer believes in enthusiasm but that enthusiasm should be in doing good and not in mere singing and shouting. Talk to the average church member about being good (demonstrating it) and he will tell you "I don't care how good you are, if you haven't got faith you ain't nothing." We ask when was there ever a good thought or a good act that God did not inspire it? Speaking of man it is said: (in Job) "the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding." It seems here that it is good that inspires faith. This much, Good. Whether we have faith or not does not alter this truth. To seek to demonstrate good is the duty of man. The very fact that evil God's "suppositional opposite" is so apparent teaches us that we are not in danger of being too good. As an excuse for not being moral many say: "We are saved by faith, as an apology for not being intelligent and knowing something about their God they say "His ways are unsearchable." Ignoring the fact that "God is all" and whom to know right is life eternal."

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Accept It as the Truth.

A Chicago working girl has become a heroine by refusing to marry a capitalist. "I am all my aged father has to lean upon in his declining years. His home is my home, and I am going to remain here and care for him." This has so good a moral that one must refuse to inquire whether or not it be true.

Mr. Stubb's Mean Warning.

"One-half of the women in this world retail gossip," remarked Mr. Stubb, as he lit his after-supper cigar. "Quite considerate of you not to say all of them retail gossip," snapped Mrs. Stubb, as she washed the dishes. "Oh, no, only half, Maria. The other half wholesale it."

To Clean a Refrigerator.

When white spots appear on the refrigerator lining take all the food out and rub the zinc with kerosene. Leave the refrigerator open for several hours, then wash with ammonia and warm soapsuds and let dry thoroughly.

Headed in the Right Direction.

The young man caught smoking a cigarette in a powder mill said he was looking for a place where he could rest without being annoyed. If they'd left him alone a few minutes longer he'd have found what he was looking for.

Truth Bluntly Expressed.

A boy gets scolded for musing his hair and tearing his clothes. But when he gets older and tries to look like a tailor's ad, he isn't nearly as much of a comfort to his parents.—Exchange.

Time's Changes.

"Before we were married you said you'd lay down your life for me," she sobbed. "I know it," he returned solemnly. "but this confounded flat is so tiny there's no place to lay anything down."

His Good Deed.

"What good deed did you perform today?" the first class scout was asked. "Mother had only enough cash oil for one dose, so I let my sister take it," replied the hero.—Buffalo Express.

Betty & Sam's Little Corner



THEY SAY

—That it's dangerous to play with other women when your wife is so near.

—That the things we would like to forget are the things that haunt us most.

—That it's impossible to possess a pure heart without it being shown in one's face.

—That a certain doctor should be sure he draws the curtains before kissing his friend. Get me?

—That the Kansas City schools escaped the nasty scandal now in the St. Louis colored schools.

—That a certain prospective bridegroom is trying to squirm out of his engagement. Hold him "gal."

—That if all men were bachelors and all women school teachers where would the race be in fifty years?

—That the mother who permits her daughter to go joy riding need not be surprised at anything that happens.

—That the school board is going to quietly find out how and where some teachers spend their vacation. Selah.

—That some prominent people who feel quite above "canning" simply substitute with the tea kettle. What's next?

—That a certain man has always knocked "eight rocks" then married that way. "Something wrong upstairs."

—That if some of our girls wear any less than they are wearing now they will revert to their aboriginal costume.

—That a certain woman wears so much paint on her face that if you kissed her you would die of the painter's colic.

—That a certain railroad man paid two months' rent and signed up for the gas for a certain house and now he's forbidden to come around.

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